

CHARLTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2021
BOC CONFERENCE ROOM
6:00 P.M.

1/7/2021 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Those present were: Chairman James Everett, along with Commissioners Alpha Benefield, Jesse Crews, Drew Jones, and Luke Gowen; County Administrator Hampton Raulerson; County Clerk Jenifer Nobles; County Attorney John Adams; and visitors as recorded hereafter. HR Clerk Becky Harden was absent.

2. 2021 ELECTION OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

Commissioner Gowen made motion that James Everett remain as Chairman for 2021 and Alpha Benefield remain as Vice Chairman for 2021. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Crews made motion that John Adams remain as County Attorney for 2021. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Chairman Everett led the Invocation and Pledge to the Flag.

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Gowen made motion to adopt the January 7, 2021 Agenda and to also include Consider Approval of 2021 BOC Meeting Calendar. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Crews, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Crews made motion to adopt the 2021 Meeting Calendar, which includes Quarterly Workshops at 6:00 p.m. and BOC meetings at 6:15 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Calendar becomes integral part of Minutes.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Commissioner Crews made motion to approve December 17, 2020 Minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

6. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT APPLICATION TO OBTAIN 2017 CDBG MITIGATION FUNDS

Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve Resolution to Submit Application to Obtain 2017 CDBG Mitigation Funds for Street, Drainage, and Flood Mitigation Improvements. Grant will be used for Eston Prescott Road. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Crews, Board voted, motion carried unanimously. Resolution becomes integral part of Minutes.

7. CONSIDER GRANT ADMINISTRATION PROPOSALS

Grant Administration Proposals were considered and scored. Commissioner Gowen made motion to award Southern Georgia Regional Commission as Grant Administrator for 2021 CDBG. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Crews, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

8. CONSIDER BASEBALL RECREATION FEES

As recommended by Recreation Board, Commissioner Crews made motion to approve \$40.00 (\$100.00 maximum per household) for baseball recreation fee. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

9. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BID OPENINGS

After receiving only one bid, Commissioner Crews made motion to award bid to Littlefield Construction Company for \$445,159.20 for 2019 LMIG St. Mary's Bluff Road Street Improvements. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Bid Openings for 2020 LMIG Colonial Way Street Improvements were considered as follows:

Seaboard Construction Company \$332,587.19

East Coast Asphalt, LLC \$320,359.05

Littlefield Construction Company \$260,003.00

Commissioner Crews made motion to award bid to Littlefield Construction Company for \$260,003.00 for 2020 LMIG Colonial Way Street Improvements. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

10. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Commissioner Benefield made motion to approve Folkston ICE Processing Center Memorandum of Understanding. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Memorandum becomes integral part of Minutes.

11. CONSIDER CHESSER ISLAND REQUEST

Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve Chesser Island Request to receive waste outside the Georgia or Florida geographical area. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS: (PLEASE LIMIT TO 3 MINUTES)

Elaine Bailey was present and wished everyone a Happy New Year, and extended invitation to MLK Celebration on January 18. March to begin at 11:00 a.m. and Celebration to begin at 12:00 at Chatman Mobley Park.

Terrance Pender was present and stated that he is looking forward to working with new Sheriff Robert Phillips.

Sheriff Robert Phillips was present and gave update of Courthouse Security Plan. A magnet reader will be purchased for the Courthouse and 24 lockers will be installed for personal items. An armed Deputy will be available for security of the Courthouse during Court. Bill Lee has been named Chief Deputy. A Resolution will come before the Board concerning Advisory Board and Next Generation 911. Website page will also be available. Sheriff Phillips stated that the Sheriff's Department will participate in the MLK March. He thanked the Board for their cooperation and looks forward to working with them.

13. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Benefield stated that she is trying to get plans for COVID vaccines.

Ronnie Pollock, Road Superintendent reported on Camp Pinckney drainage. Survey has been completed, but will need to contact the State before plans are finalized.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF REQUIRED)

None.

15. NEXT BOC MEETING, THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2021, 6:00 P.M. BOC CONFERENCE ROOM

16. ADJOURN

Commissioner Benefield made motion that meeting be adjourned at 6:45 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

James E. Everett, Chairman

Jenifer Nobles, County Clerk